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MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF CHARITABLE GAMING PUBLIC WORKSHOP
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Monday, March 14, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Public Service Commission Conference Room, first floor of the Cannon Building
APPROVED:	June 6, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Angelucci, Chairman, Public Member (arrived at 6:30 p.m.)
James Greene, DE Volunteer Fireman's Association Member
Tim Winstead, State Lottery Office Member
Janet Williams-Coger, Non-Profit Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sharon McDowell, Vice Chair, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Robert Willard, Deputy Attorney General
Sheryl Paquette, Administrative Specialist III
Jean Betley, Lead Investigator
Elaine O'Neill, Gaming Inspector
Toni Scarantino, Gaming Inspector

PUBLIC PRESENT

Doug Crouse, Kent County 4-H
Lynne Hooker, DE Seaside RR Club
David Lawrence, DE Seaside RR Club
Jennifer Hilliard, Middletown Volunteer Hose Co. Station 27
Bobbi Scott, Camden Wyoming Fire Co.
D-C Brown, Friends for Rescue and Pet Care, Inc.
Jim Woodcand, Debbie's Fund
Rebecca Lurty, Townsend Fire Co.
Rudy Dillmore, Townsend Fire Co.
Bill Mariano, S.E.A.S. Church Bear, DE
Rose Bucci, S.E.A.S. Church Bear, DE
Cindy Gillian, S.E.A.S. Church Bear, DE
BJ Ryder, Frederica Spring Creek Lions Club
Brenda Jones, Bridgeville Fire Co. Aux.
Pat Correll, Bridgeville Fire Co. Aux.
Bonnie Workman, Bridgeville Fire Co. Aux.
Steve Newman Jr., Delaware Pride Inc.

Elizabeth Newman, Delaware Pride Inc.
Rosalie Hastings, Bridgeville Fire Co. Aux.
D. Kerr, Minquas Ladies Aux.
Sherri Leslie, VFW Post 3792
John Hohman, VFW Post 6984
Robert MacLees, VFW Post 6984
Kim O'Mailey, Cancer Support Community, Kent County
Gregory Ross, SEAS Church, Bear, DE
Larry Clark, Camden-Wyoming Moose Lodge Camden, DE
Lois Hartstein, Laurel Lionesses Club
Dawn Massey, Laurel Lionesses Club
Lorraine Neff, St. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Church
Patricia Bringle, St. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Church
Rev. Stephen Hutnick, St. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Church
Barbara Palladino, Friends for Rescue & Pet Care
Pam Ingle, Goodwill Fire Co. Ladies Aux.
Mary Jane Stubbs, Goodwill Fire Co. Ladies Aux.
Bill Betts, Frederica Fire Co.
Thomas D., VFW Post 3420
Allen Harrington, Camden-Wyoming Fire Co.
Christine Reider, Delaware City Fire Co.
Margaret P., Delaware City Fire Co.
Colleen Cockran, Goodwill Fire Co. Ladies Aux.
Stephen White, Frederica Vol. Fire Co.
Jack Vogel, Harrington Fire Co.
Karl W., VFW Post 3420
Anne Adams, St. John the Baptist RC Church
Amy, St. John the Baptist RC Church
Bonnie Blades, Frederica Spring Creek Lions
William Hare, Frederica Spring Creek Lions
Kathy King, Dover Elks Lodge 1903
Kim Figgs, Delmar Fire Co. Ladies Aux.
James Hummore, Delmar Fire Dept.
J. Figgs, Delmar Fire Co. Ladies Aux.
Aimee Parker, Millsboro Kiwanis Club

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Greene called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Charitable Gaming and Bingo Event Discussion

The Board and Division staff introduced themselves for the public and opened up the floor for discussion. The evening's discussion included the following topics.

Raffles:

Request to allow for a substitute for a member in charge (MIC) on Raffle Applications. With on-going Raffle events a MIC could become sick before the after occasion report (AOR) is due. The Board stated that in that instance the organization could file an amendment to their application and change their MIC.

A member of the public asked the Board about using PayPal. The Board stated that PayPal is not allowed to be used. An organization could use a credit card machine at their organization if the transaction was done in person. The payment transaction cannot be made online. Refer to Rule 2.2.

Rule 2.2: The charitable organization is responsible for the handling of all monies, bookkeeping and receipts in a raffle. The Board will not approve on-line raffles or raffles involving third party payers, such as PayPal or similar entities.

A question was asked about a prize not being claimed within 30 days. The Board and inspectors answered by stating that the organization had to make every attempt possible to satisfy that ticket holder. An AOR would need to be submitted within 30 days with an explanation as to why the prize was not awarded and that an amendment would be sent in at a later date.

A member from the public needed clarification on 50/50 Raffles and wanted to know how an organization could host one if they did not know what the profit was going to be up front. The Board and inspectors responded that you only needed to obtain a Raffle permit if the single ticket price was more than \$5 and the prize to be awarded was more than \$5,000. The Board referred to the Raffle Rules and Regulations:

102 Regulations Governing Raffles

These regulations shall apply to any raffle conducted under Title 28 of the Delaware Code in which the value of the prize or prizes to be awarded is \$5,000 or more or in which the ticket price is more than \$5.00 for a single drawing for prizes, or more than \$15.00 for a series of drawings for prizes occurring on a periodic schedule exceeding one month. These regulations are issued pursuant to the authority granted the Delaware Gaming Control Board in Title 28 of the Delaware Code.

Charitable Gaming:

A member of the public asked if dealers had to be members of the organization. Ms. O'Neill responded that workers of the event and dealers needed to be a part of the non-profit hosting the event. Third party vendors can be hired but they have to be Board approved third party vendors.

Members of the public expressed concern over the \$150 losing limit at charitable gaming events. The general consensus was that the \$150 limit was too low, the money gambled was going to charity, the public wanted the ability to gamble more than \$150 per event, and the Board shouldn't be able to tell the public how much they could lose at charitable games. The Board stated the following:

- these events are not professional gaming/gambling events
- this amount was originally determined by the public during a time when a lot of third party vendors existed
- public had complained in the past that significant others were losing too much money at charitable gaming events

Bingo:

A member of the public asked for clarification on how long Bingo permits were valid. Ms. Betley responded that each permit is issued for an individual event and you can request up to three months of permits at a time, with one event per week. Refer to Rules 3.6 and 3.9.

Rule 3.6 No license shall be effective for a period of more than one year from the date it was issued.

Rule 3.9 No bingo licensee licensed prior to July 14, 1998, shall conduct more than ten (10) bingo events in any calendar month and no bingo licensee licensed after the enactment of 71 Del. Laws 444 (July 14, 1998) shall conduct more than one (1) bingo event per week. A bingo licensee who was licensed prior to July, 14, 1998 whose license lapses for six (6) months or more due to non-renewal or suspension or any other reason shall, upon licensing thereafter, be considered a licensee licensed after the enactment of 71 Del. Laws 444 (July 14, 1998).

The public questioned the policy on verifying Bingo balls before an event. The inspectors stated that the balls needed to be verified before each game. They recommended a member of the public witness the ball verification process to protect the non-profit. However, the public witness is not required, merely a suggestion.

The public had questions regarding basket bingos. The Board and inspectors responded that Rule 3.10 and Rule 4.11 were in the process of being changed. The amendment to Rule 3.10 would allow non-profits to list the price they paid for an item and the amendment to Rule 4.11 would allow for basket bingo ties to be determined by

house rules. Any items stuffed or included with prize items must be listed on the prize list and included in the total value.

The public had questions regarding promotional items. The Board stated that the event must take place within seven (7) days before the State recognized holiday or on the holiday itself. They referred to Rule 4.6.

Rule 4.6 No prize in an amount or value greater than \$250 shall be offered or given in any single game and the aggregate amount or value of all prizes offered or given in all games played on a single occasion shall not exceed \$1,250. The amount of the prize in each bingo game shall be announced at the start of the game. At the end of each game, there will be an announcement of the total number of winners and the amount paid to each. All winners shall be determined and all prizes shall be awarded in any game played on any occasion within the same calendar day as that upon which the game is played. The value of any promotional giveaways, which shall be no more than \$500 per annum to be distributed at an organizational anniversary date and no more than three (3) holiday dates per year, shall not be counted towards the dollar amounts described in this section. Holiday dates means those holiday dates officially recognized by the State of Delaware as holidays. The event itself must take place within the period of seven days before the holiday or on the holiday itself. However, a licensee may offer inducements, free refreshments, and free transportation of players to and from bingo events, to attract bingo players to the bingo event, provided that the fair market value of inducements is limited to 15% of the total amount of all other prizes offered or given during the bingo event.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting is April 4, 2013 at 1:00 p.m., at 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building Conference Room B, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Angelucci made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winstead, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amanda McAtee
Administrative Specialist II

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.